

APPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes:	Regular Meeting of Bicycle Transportation Advisory Commission
Date of Meeting:	February 9, 2004
Time of Meeting:	7:00 P.M.
Place of Meeting:	Milpitas Sports Center Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Present: Bill Reisinger, Nawal Stanojevic, Larry Litchford; Rene Briones, and Fred Zeise
Staff: Janice Nadal; Joe Oliva
Absent: Vice Mayor Patricia Dixon, Miljon Buquing

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS Staff member Janice Nadal distributed the Community Ethics Workshop flyers to each Commission member. The Workshop will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2004, 7:00 pm, at the Milpitas City Hall Committee Meeting Room. The Community Advisory Commission is hosting the workshop.

Staff member Janice Nadal introduced Joe Oliva, Principal Transportation Planner. Arlene Deleon is no longer with the City of Milpitas; Joe Oliva has worked closely with Arlene Deleon on numerous projects. Mr. Oliva will join as often as possible.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA MOTION to approve the agenda as submitted

M/S: Litchford/Stanojevic All Ayes

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES MOTION to approve the minutes of December 8, 2004, as submitted.

M/S: Stanojevic/Litchford All Ayes

VI. CITIZEN'S FORUM There were no citizens present at this meeting.

VII. TOPICS **Report on Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements**

Union Pacific Pedestrian Overcrossing Update

Staff member Joe Oliva updated the Commission on the project. Staff met with the consultant in January to discuss variations of the overcrossing. The preferred alignment is a crossing that would go through Lifescan's property; proceed down to Gibraltar, over the railroad tracks and ramps down. The first option is to bring the ramp down to the parking structure at the Great Mall. The second option is to have the ramp adjacent to the parking structure at the Great Mall. We are in the feasibility study phase, reviewing costs. The VTA has this in the Tier 1 bicycle program. Once the feasibility study is complete, the next step is Environmental Document. Staff will discuss with the property owners of the Lifescan-occupied property and the Mills Corporation (new owners of the Great Mall) to discuss easements.

After the Feasibility Study, the environmental work will be in process and complete by early 2005, then an approximate 12-month construction period. During the phases, the community will be notified through some measures of public outreach.

The consultant and staff will meet again in April. The next meeting in April with consultant.

Chair Reisinger recommends this item be carried forward to the April agenda.

Commissioner Litchford comments entrance of the overcrossing into the parking structure is not safe for bicyclists?

Mr. Oliva reminds that this is an alternative option. The parking structure is not the place for pedestrians and bicyclists to go and can be mentioned in the environmental document

Chair Reisinger asks if the consultant is on board and working on the feasibility study

Mr. Oliva stated the consultant is on board and working on costs. The costs have gone up from 1998, when the grant was awarded, so we would update the cost table in VTP 2030.

Commissioner Briones asked if there is funding for the project available.

Mr. Oliva stated there is \$2.4 million dollars in the VTA's Tier 1 Bike Projects. The City is responsible for 20%, the VTA 80% and it will adjust with the changing costs from 1998 up to \$3.2 million.

Commissioner Briones asked what happened to the Yosemite Drive access instead of Gibraltar.

Mr. Oliva stated there were security issues from Solelectron and it's reorganization. The City doesn't want to get in a position to exercise eminent domain. If Lifescan's property owner is amenable to it, then the City will move forward with Gibraltar access.

<The Commission begins to discuss circulation issues surrounding the Great Mall of the Bay Area>

Chair Reisinger states McCandless Drive <at Montague Expressway> needs a crosswalk. McCandless has a signal, and needs sidewalks to cross into Trade Zone, San Jose. The County of Santa Clara (County) should come in and stripe it. John Ciccarelli, Bicycle Solutions, is working on Montague Expressway on bicycle issues, with the County.

<Commissioner Stanojevic leaves>

March 15 is the BART COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP meeting

Mr. Oliva mentions staff will be working on a transit area plan for Midtown and the BART/Light Rail area which will benefit the surrounding areas including Montague/McCandless Drive

<Commissioner Zeise comes in>

Bikeway Master Plan

Ms Nadal distributed the approved City Council Bikeway Master Plan Update. This shows that we have a complete document to pursue grant funding and proceed with projects.

Report on Safety

Bike Route Signs

Chair Reisinger was approached by Jim Stallmen, President, Silicon Valley Bike Coalition, to provide a Bike Route sign near Highway 237 to the end of Ranch Drive, West of McCarthy Blvd. This sign would be near a “No Outlet” sign for vehicular traffic.

If the City posts a bike route sign, City can do some research on it, the City of San Jose will have to post a sign where it reaches them.

Chair Reisinger will discuss at the next Bicycle Coalition meeting.

Bike Lane Repair

Commissioner Litchford stated there is damage to the bike lane in front of Milpitas High School’s administration building on Escuela Drive. Due to some water main construction, there is a sunken down, crumbled area in the middle of the bike lane, in front of the bus stop.

Ms. Nadal will contact the Public Works Department to repair.

School Safety

As per requested by Commissioner Briones, Ms Nadal provided the Commission with crossing guard schedules.

Commissioner Briones states that everyday he passes through Jaclyn/Milpitas Blvd to take his children to Russell Middle School, the crossing guards leave too early, between 8:30-8:35am, when the schools starts around 8:45.

Ms. Nadal reports she asked Sandy Holliday, Police Traffic Lieutenant on the scheduling of the crossing guards. Guards are posted at their site 30 minutes before school starts, and stay until 5 minutes after the tardy bell. Ms. Nadal can forward the commissioners concern to Police.

Commissioner Briones asked why there is no crossing guard at the intersection of Redwood/ Abel near Curtner Elementary.

Mr. Oliva states there is an underpass tunnel where students can travel and enter through the backside of the school.

Chair Reisinger suggests school safety may be a possible project

Ms. Nadal stated the Suggested Routes to School Maps will be sent to schools towards the end of the school year.

The Commission suggested if the crossing guards waited for more students to accumulate at the stop at Arizona and Midwick there would be less congestion.

REPORT ON PUBLIC AWARENESS

Bicycle Map on the City's Website

Ms. Nadal reported that Information Services Department can work on Bicycle Map on the website in March. The map will include a click option to open up historical bike trails information and other facts on the map. The map would also be able to be printed.

Commissioner Litchford suggested including pictures on the site.

National Bike Registry

Ms. Nadal reported that citizen Rob Means suggested the City should have a National Bike Registry link on the City's website

Commissioner Litchford would like to know the number of stolen bikes reported to the Police Department and are the registrations compared?

Commissioner Zeise stated he is on the Strategic Action for Emergency (SAFE) Sheds Committee and could use the bicycles from the Police property room that aren't auctioned. He had the following questions:

- Is the fire station registration checked when a bike comes into police? It would have to have a sticker on it
- if a registered bike is picked up by police, does it go through a check process to see if it's registered to return to the owner
- does the national bike registry have a way of going in is this bike registered by serial number . how does the police dept know... project- how good is it, if they don't have a way for a found bike to get looked up.
- Ms. Nadal will research with Fire and Police the registration process. She will also look into promoting the City's bicycle registration on the City's website.

Bike to Work Day

Ms. Nadal reports the official day is Thursday, May 20, 2004. The City will be hosting 3 Energizer stations:

1. City Hall- corner of Calaveras Blvd/Milpitas Blvd.
2. Public Works Building- 1265 N. Milpitas Blvd
3. Montague Expressway/Main Street-Old Oakland Road (Shell Gas Station)

Chair Reisinger will be willing out to help at the Montague energizer station and requests this item be placed on the April agenda.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

League of American Bicyclists Application

Commissioner Litchford states the City has all the requirements to be a Bicycle Friendly City. He will forward a link to the Ms. Nadal to research the requirements and application.

BTAC member status

Gene Simmons has resigned from the Commission. Nawal will move from alternate 1 to member.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm

The next meeting will be held April 12, 2004 at the Sports Center Conference Room.

M/S: Litchford/Briones All Ayes

ASSIGNMENT SHEET

Patricia Dixon:

Bill Reisinger:

Email pictures to Janice to place on the City's website.

Janice Nadal:

Research bike route sign west of McCarthy Ranch near the Veritas Building.
Contact Public Works regarding bike lane repair at Escuela Drive.
Research Fire/Police department bike registry process.
Research requirements for Bicycle Friendly Communities